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Chinese security forces gather in a square in Urumqi, western China's Xinjiang province, Wednesday, July 8, 2009. China's president cut short a G8 summit trip to rush home Wednesday after ethnic tensions soared in Xinjiang territory, and the government flooded the area with security forces in a bid to quell emotions in the wake of a massive riot that left at least 156 dead.

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Aaron Peirsol swims during the finals of the men's 100-meter backstroke at the U.S. National swimming championships in Indianapolis, Wednesday, July 8, 2009. Peirsol won with a world record time of 51.94 seconds.

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# Aruba's Steven Max world champion freestyle windsurfing



Sardinia, Italy -- One of Aruba's most promising athletes has done it again. During the Prokids World Championship Freestyle Windsurfing in Sardinia, Italy, held between the 22nd and 27th of June 2009, first place in the category under 12, was once again conquered by Steven Max Lageveen from Aruba. Sixty plus kids battled against each other on the water during very strong almost overpowering and gusty winds, for the huge honor of becoming the world champion, and Steven Max succeeded with flying colors, literally, because of his very bright colored sail, naturally.

The beach was packed every day with windsurfers and spectators from all over the world who came all the way to Palau, to be part of this event. The organizers Riccardo Genazzani and Jason Hands made sure everyone was well taken care of.

During each day of the 5 day event, several freestyle heats were held in several age categories, ranging from 9 to 19 year olds, in front of the surf school in Porto Pollo under a stark blue cloudless sky. Water temperatures were a lot colder than the competitors from Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao are used to, which made it harder for our athletes to compete and special warm protective gear handed out by the organization was gladly accepted. All week long these young competitors showed off their incredible moves, blowing everyone's mind with their impossible sail tricks and high jumps.

Our Caribbean boys did extremely well taking home 1st place prizes.

The overall results of the Starboard Prokids World Championship Freestyle Windsurfing are:

In the under-12-years category Steven Max, Aruba, 1st ,



Konstantin Schmirnov, Russia, 2nd and Alice Capucchi, Italy, 3rd.

In under 15-years: Youp Schmit, Bonaire, 1st, Francesco Cappuzzo, Italy, 2nd and Steven Max, Aruba, 3rd -- another impressive achievement for this 11 year old!

Rick Jandrusch, Holland, placed 1st in the under-17-year category, Matteo Romeo, Italy, 2nd and Nick van Ingen, Holland, 3rd. And in the under 20-years division, Dieter van Eyken, Belgium, took 1st place, Mattia Fabrizi, Italy, 2nd, and Vittorio Morzocco, Italy 3rd .

Aruba and Bonaire were represented especially well during this great event for young athletes and many of the other competitors and their friends and family members have said that they can't wait to come to Aruba. They have been warmly invited to come and visit any time!!

Steven Max is on his way back to Aruba, where he will be competing in the Annual Aruba Hi-Winds between 1-7 July 2009. Right after that he will be on his way to Bonaire to the first IFCA Slalom World championships. □



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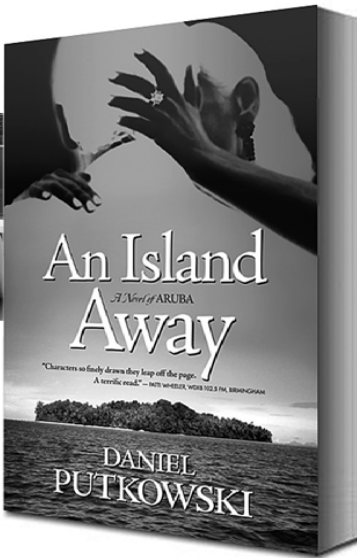
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## Loyal friends of Aruba honored at the Divi Phoenix Resort



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Divi Phoenix Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title.

The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Divi Phoenix Resort they call their home away from home. The following visitors were honored as an Ambassador of goodwill after visiting Aruba for more then 20 years : Mayra & Jairo Rincon & Andrea Jhon. Allan & Deloris

Stephenson were honored as a distinguished visitors  
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ORANJESTAD – Thursdays will never be the same again, says fabulous singer/entertainer Jairo Boekhoudt. Starting at 10:30 p.m. Chaos café will come alive with music, Soft Rock, Latin Rock, laced with a sprinkle of Brazilian Bosa Nova and Samba, just to stir things up a bit.

Acoustic Soul is determined to change the way you think about Thursdays, and establish it as the weekend's foyer, or the weekend's waiting room, with a sizzling almost-weekend atmosphere.

The band's upbeat sound as delivered by fellow-musicians Armin Solognier, Jose Croeze, Angelo Kock and Jeremy Bonarriba is guaranteed to set the café on fire.

Jairo who has been selected again to serve as a judge with the Sparkling Tour just returned from Curacao where he played with his band members at Kleine Werf, at the gigantic birthday party for Dean and Christina Rozier, with more than 500 guests in attendance, taking the neighboring island by storm! ☐



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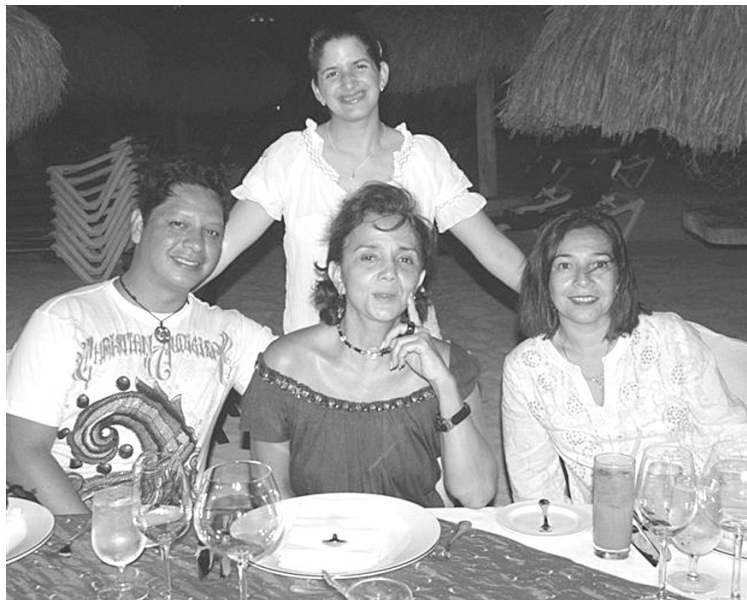
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The VIP crowd enjoyed a spectacular evening under the stars, and an artfully decorated beach, by the professionals of ECO DMS.

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Last year the AAA Four Diamond rated restaurant extended its reach when the culinary team cooked up a



storm in New York City, hosting the Over Aruba Dinner at the prestigious James Beard House, which was officially sold out.

The Sunset Grille chefs were invited to dazzle guests of the James Beard Foundation with their culinary magic, and the Aruban-inspired menu created by Executive Chef Hector Espinoza and Sous Chef Anthony Martinus tempted the palettes of Manhattan's most discerning "foodies."

That same menu was replicated on the beach in honor of the visiting dignitaries and it included a Pumpkin-Fennel Pancake with Grouper Fillet, Green Papaya Salad, Lime and Cilantro for appetizer and Conch-Stuffed Prime Filet Mignon with Grilled Peppers and Aruban Funchi as main course.

For dessert the Caribbean Canoli with fresh strawberries and sugar swirls added just the right final touch. Each course was paired with the chef's selected wine that has been chosen to bring out the flavors of each dish.

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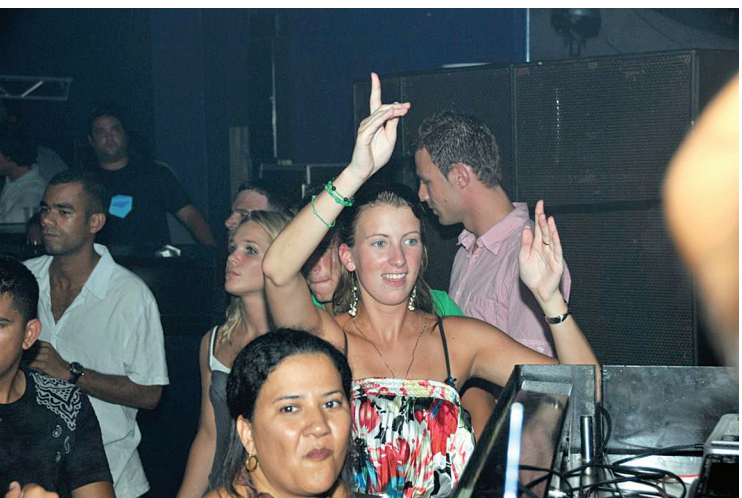
**PALM BEACH** - Taste of Belgium's Bistro is located in the intimate courtyard of the Paseo Herencia Mall across from the Holiday Inn Resort. It is cozy and casual: one can have a drink with friends, have a quick bite before grabbing a movie or relax and lounge away the afternoon and evening in the balmy breeze underneath the stars. The Bistro's great selection of Belgian beers has drawn many beer lovers to the mall already, but it is its exquisite food, ample portions and great prices that keep folks coming back for more every night of the week.

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**PALM BEACH** - Confessions Night Club was filled to the hilt last weekend for DJ Jean. He was already one of the most versatile hip-hop DJs in the

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to take over the Friday night show in this club. Madhouse was born and quickly grew to become the hottest club night in the Netherlands, if



not the world. DJ Jean's faultless choice of tracks and his perfect feel for the public have brought many dance floors to a state of ecstasy. The series of iT CDs that Jean and his fellow resident Marcello have released was not only the best-selling CD series of the 1990s, but also brought about the definitive breakthrough for house music in the Netherlands. The reputation of both Jean and

Madhouse grew steadily throughout the 1990s. Madhouse parties in clubs such as the Lexion, Matrixx and Escape were all great successes. As a producer, Jean has scored a number of big hits throughout his career, but the worldwide success of The Launch astounded friends and foes alike. Millions of copies of this essential classic have been sold around the world. Jean travels the globe to bring huge crowds to a



state of ecstasy, from Russia, Germany, and England to South Africa and Surinam.



For many years, DJ Jean's prestigious Madhouse podium has been a popular draw at important festivals such as Dance Valley and Trance Energy. □





At the Aruba Marriott Resort as sunset

# Sandy & Felipe pledge eternal love with renewal of vows



Photo by Julia Renfro



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PALM BEACH – Sandy and Felipe Rodriguez exchanged rings and vows on their 20th anniversary as the sun gently set into the sea this week on the beach at the Aruba Marriott



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Resort and Stellaris Casino. Rev. Gregory Lyder officiated the toes-in-the sand ceremony After placing a ring on the others finger and reading their vows of commitment to one another, the couple said "I Do" and then signed the official documents. The intimate ceremony ended with a champagne and ginger ale toast and the cutting of

the wedding cake. The beach blessing was coordinated by Desiree Biker of the Aruba Marriott Resort and executed by her professional events team. Congratulations to Sandy and Felipe from Aruba Today and may you celebrate all your anniversaries at your home away from home Aruba. □

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# Abortion pill used in a quarter of US abortions

By LINDA A. JOHNSON,  
Associated Press Writer

Roughly a fourth of American women getting early abortions last year did so with drugs rather than surgery, statistics show, as a new study reported improved safety in using the so-called "abortion pill."

Some experts predict the percentage of such "medical abortions," which offer more privacy than surgical termination at an abortion clinic or hospital, will rise even more due to the new study.

The research, done at Planned Parenthood clinics across the country, shows that a new way of giving pills to induce abortion virtually eliminated the risk for a rare but dangerous infection.

"This is the first really huge documentation of how safe and effective medical abortion is," said Dr. Beverly Winikoff, a professor of family health and population at Columbia University. "The technology is very good and very well used in this country, and probably will be used more and more." Two pills are used to induce an abortion.

The primary drug, Mifeprex, was first approved in the U.S. in 2000. Use has risen steadily, even though manufacturer Danco Laboratories LLC of New York hasn't promoted it and the drug can only be obtained at a clinic or doctor's office, not through a pharmacy. Sales rose 16.5 percent last year, when about 184,000 American women used Mifeprex.

Medical abortions now account for about a quarter of early abortions, according to company spokeswoman Abby Long. At Planned Parenthood, the biggest provider of medical abortions, they amount to 32 percent of early terminations. The group's study analyzed medical abortions at Planned Parenthood centers between 2005 and mid-2008 — about 228,000 cases. It found the abortion pill was about 98.5 percent effective and that changes in how the drugs were given reduced risk of a serious infection from barely 1 in 1,000 cases to 0.06 in 1,000. The results are reported in

Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

The procedure, which works during the first nine weeks of pregnancy, involves swallowing Mifeprex, known chemically as mifepristone, at a doctor's office. Originally known as RU-486, the pill causes an embryo to detach from the uterine wall. A second pill, misoprostol, is used 24 to 48 hours later to cause contractions and push the embryo out of the uterus.

These drugs are different from Plan B, which is taken within a couple days of contraceptive failure or unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy from occurring.

Originally, the procedure involved inserting the misoprostol pill into the vagina where the medicine was absorbed. But by the end of 2005, four American women and one Canadian had died of a rare bacterial infection afterward, spurring concern among providers and criticism by abortion opponents.

So in April 2006, Planned Parenthood told its 300 clinics offering the procedure to instead have patients put the misoprostol pill in their mouth and let it dissolve.

Some clinics also began providing a week's course of antibiotics to avoid infection; the others tested women and treated any with sexually transmitted diseases. In 2008, all the clinics started giving patients antibiotics.

"We decided we needed to make a safe procedure even safer," said the study's lead researcher, nurse practitioner Mary Fjerstad.

By the study's last six months, serious infections had declined to one-16th of the original rate.

"I think that providers are going to be pretty impressed with the data," said Dr. Beth Jordan, medical director of the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals, which plans to highlight the findings to doctors, nurse practitioners and pharmacists at its annual meeting in September.

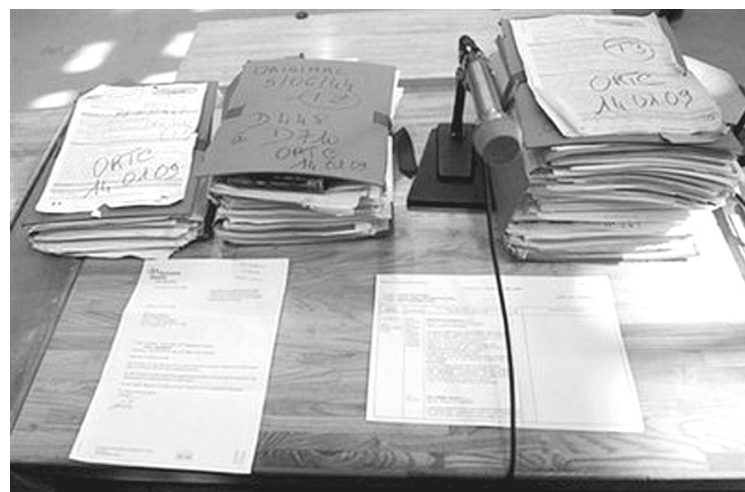
Given that 87 percent of U.S. counties have no abortion provider, Jordan said the findings might encourage

some primary care doctors to offer abortion using the pills.

"But I don't think it's going to open the floodgates," she said.

In October, the National Abortion Federation, representing 400 centers that provide more than half of abortions in the U.S. and Canada, will review the findings and decide whether to make changes accordingly. Federation President Vicki Saporta said current guidelines allow putting misoprostol in the cheek to dissolve, swallowing it, or inserting it in the vagina, which more than a third of her member clinics do.

Saporta said abortion opponents "have been misleading people into thinking that medical abortion



Files on a table at the Bobigny courthouse, near Paris on the opening day of the trial of French-Algerian Rai singer Cheb Mami. A French court has sentenced the singer to five years in jail for attempting to have his ex-girlfriend undergo a forced abortion.

(AFP/File/Boris Horvat)

is unsafe," but the study proves the procedure is safe. The cost is \$400, only slightly less than the median cost for an early term surgical abortion.

Since approval in 2000,

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# Anxiety over economic recovery weighs on stocks



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, July 6, 2009.

By SARA LEPRO,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Investors can't shake their worries that economy won't be able to lock in a recovery by the end of the year.

Stocks finished mostly lower after zigzagging Wednesday as a mixed outlook on the economy from the International Monetary Fund and falling commodity prices added to a downbeat mood. Another tumble in oil prices dragged energy shares lower and reflected concerns that demand for resources will remain weak as the economy struggles.

Stocks drew some support from a strong auction of 10-year Treasury notes. That helped allay one of the market's recent worries, that the government would have trouble finding enough buyers for the massive

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amount of debt it's issuing. Investors also flocked to the safety of government debt because they are worried about the economy.

After sending stocks soaring this spring on the belief that the economy was turning around, investors have put their buying on hold since mid-June as several pieces of disappointing economic data eroded the case for a quick recovery.

"There's nothing to get people to jump into the market," said Kurt Karl, chief U.S. economist at Swiss Re. "Nothing to get them excited."

The market has already digested the most recent batch of economic news, including worse-than-expected reports on employment and manufacturing, and is becoming anxious ahead of second-quarter earnings

season and the forecasts from companies that are sure to be the next big test for stocks. More stocks fell than rose on the New York Stock Exchange but major indicators ended mixed.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrials rose 14.81, or 0.2 percent, to 8,178.41.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.47, or 0.2 percent, to 879.56 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 1.00, or 0.1 percent, to 1,747.17. Both the Dow and S&P 500 hit levels not seen since May 1.

Many analysts say a recovery is indeed on its way — investors just need to be more realistic about its pace.

"At least for the first year of the expansion we're likely to see quite anemic growth," said Avery Shenfeld, chief economist at CIBC World Markets. "The message is to be patient. The broader rise in equities that we've seen since the spring will eventually prove to be warranted."

The IMF said Wednesday it expects the world economy to shrink by 1.4 percent in 2009, slightly worse than its earlier estimate of 1.3 percent. But it boosted its estimate for global economic growth in 2010 to 2.5 percent, up from its April projection of 1.9 percent.

Meanwhile, oil prices fell for

a sixth straight day, dropping \$2.79 to settle at \$60.14 a barrel, tumbling sharply from an eight-month high of \$73 in just one week.

The falling price of oil has contributed to selling on world exchanges over the past week. On Tuesday, the major U.S. indexes lost at least 2 percent, including the Dow, which fell 161 points. Both the Dow and the S&P 500 have shed 7 percent since their recent highs on June 12. Though the weak volume that has marked trading in recent weeks shows little conviction behind the selling, analysts say the market is at risk for a further pullback if it doesn't soon get the good news it's looking for.

"This is a wave of realization," Karl said. "We were pretty excited there for awhile and things were just quite a bit ahead of the actual fundamentals of the economy."

Analysts note that investors have been shifting money out of industries they had sent sharply higher this spring, like financials and energy, and moving into more defensive areas like health care and consumer staples.

News from a summit of world leaders Wednesday reinforced the notion that the global economy is still shaky. According to a draft of the Group of Eight statement,

the officials said they have seen signs of stabilization but that it is too early to begin rolling back massive stimulus efforts.

In other signs of investor unease, bond prices and the dollar both rose sharply.

Following the successful bond auction, the price of the benchmark 10-year Treasury note jumped about a point, pushing its yield down sharply to 3.30 percent from 3.46 percent late Tuesday. That marks the lowest level for the 10-year yield since May 20.

Treasury yields have softened in recent weeks after spiking in early June to an eight-month high of 4.01 percent. The drop in long-term yields since then is good for consumers because yields are closely tied to interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

The dollar mostly rose against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

About two stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.4 billion shares compared with 1.1 billion Tuesday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 4.57, or 1 percent, to 479.68.

Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 2.4 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 index fell 1.1 percent, Germany's DAX lost 0.6 percent and France's CAC-40 fell 1.3 percent. □

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## Fed: Consumers trim borrowing by \$3.2B in May

By JEANNINE AVERSA,  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Consumers trimmed borrowing in May for the fourth straight month as the recession took another bite out of investments and drove unemployment higher. Many economists predict that consumers will stay cautious in the months ahead, boding for a lethargic recovery if the downturn ends later this year as many expect.

The Federal Reserve said Wednesday that consumer credit fell at an annual rate of 1.5 percent, or by \$3.2 billion, from April. Economists expected a deeper cut of \$9.5 billion. But the new figures still mark the latest move by consumers to curb borrowing, pay down debt and strengthen household budgets. Americans have been spending less and saving more to cope with the recession, which started in December 2007 and is the longest since World War II.

The savings rate jumped to 6.9 percent in May, the highest since December 1993. The amount of money saved — \$768.8 billion — was the most on records that started in January 1959, the government recently reported.

“Once consumers feel a little safer about the economy and their own jobs, they’re going to spend some of that savings,” predicted John Canally, economist at LPL Financial, adding that he doesn’t see recent changes in consumer behavior “torpedoing the recovery.”

Revised data released Wednesday showed consumers ratcheted back borrowing at a 7.8 percent pace in April, or by \$16.5 billion. That was a bigger cut than first reported and the largest — in dollar terms — on records dating to 1943. The \$15.6 billion drop in March was slightly less than previously reported, but the second largest tally ever.

The four straight monthly declines mark the longest stretch of pullbacks since consumer borrowing fell for seven consecutive months from June through December 1991. The Fed’s measure of consumer borrowing does not include debt secured by real estate, such as mortgages or home equity loans.

In May, consumers’ appetite for revolving credit, primarily credit cards, declined at a rate of 3.7 percent, or by \$2.9 billion. That followed a 11.1

percent annualized drop in April, or \$8.7 billion.

Demand for non-revolving credit used to finance cars, vacations, education and other things dipped at a 0.3 percent pace in May, or by \$367 million. That came after consumers sliced such borrowing at a 5.9 percent pace in April, or \$7.8 billion. Americans’ net worth shrunk by \$1.3 trillion in the first three months of this year due to declining stock and home values. Many are having trouble paying their bills on time. Consumer loan delinquencies hit a record-high in the first quarter due mainly to rising unemployment, the American Bankers Association said Tuesday. □

Graphic shows outstanding consumer debt from revolving credit accounts

## Borrowing less

Consumer borrowing dropped 1.5 percent in May.

Outstanding consumer debt  
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# Richard Gere: Dog is hero in film about Japan tale



U.S. actor Richard Gere speaks during a press conference to promote his latest movie 'Hachi: A Dog's Story' in Tokyo, Japan, Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

By YURI KAGEYAMA,  
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO — Richard Gere stars in a Hollywood remake of Japan's long-cherished story of Hachiko, a faithful dog that died at a train station waiting for its master. But "Hachi: A Dog's Story" is more about the dog than about Gere, the 59-year-old actor said Wednesday.

"On this movie, I was definitely second-class," he told reporters at a Tokyo hotel.

(AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi)

The movie premiered in the U.S. at the Seattle International Film Festival in June, and opens in Japan in August. The story of Hachiko is a legend among Japanese, a pet-loving nation that honors self-sacrificing loyalty. Hachiko, the story goes, always used to wait at Shibuya train station for its master, a professor at the University of Tokyo. Even after the professor died, the dog waited every day at the station for a decade, until it died in 1935.

People were so moved they built a statue of Hachiko at the station, which remains a popular rendezvous spot for Japanese today.

The story of Hachiko was made into a 1987 Japanese movie. Gere's version transports that story to a station in Rhode Island.

Gere said the Japanese breed of dogs called Akita used in the movie are close to wild dogs and very difficult to train. In the beginning, Gere was instructed not to even look at the three dogs that played Hachi.

"They only do something because they want to. You can't really buy them with food," said Gere, last in Japan four years ago for another remake of a Japanese story, "Shall We Dance?"

Gere said the new film evokes the artistry of silent movies.

Often, the crew would film the dog for 12 hours, and take just 10 minutes to shoot Gere's segments, he said.

"We were capturing something that was organic and real that was happening between me and the dogs," he said. □



In this film publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, Paul Rust, left, and Hayden Panettiere are shown in a scene from, 'I Love You, Beth Cooper.'

(AP Photo/20th Century Fox, Joe Lederer)

By CHRISTY LEMIRE,  
AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES — Somewhere inside "I Love You, Beth Cooper," there lies a high-school comedy in the same vein as the great John Hughes movies of the 1980s.

Under the staggeringly mediocre direction of Chris Columbus ("Home Alone,"

## Review: You've met 'Beth Cooper' before

the first two "Harry Potter" movies), it never springs to life. All the pieces are in place: the nerdy guy, the popular girl, the quirky friends, the all-night adventures and the obligatory house-trashing bash. But the pacing feels stagnant and the antics simply aren't inventive enough. There seemed to be potential from the start, too, in the script from Larry Doyle, based on his novel. Instead of spouting generic platitudes about chasing your dreams, geeky valedictorian Denis Cooverman (Paul Rust) uses his graduation speech as an opportunity to tell head cheerleader Beth Cooper (Hayden Panettiere) that he's secretly been in love with her since the seventh grade. He also gets some sly revenge on the kids who've tormented

him his whole life by calling them out for their cruelties and insecurities.

The fact that this actually happens — that it's not just a dream sequence — signals the possibility for bold and surreal humor. And Rust has an endearing underdog goofiness about him without being too hyper or ingratiating. (The casting of Alan Ruck, Cameron from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," as Denis' dad is a nice throwback touch.) But the rest of the movie plays out rather flatly and predictably, as Beth finds herself intrigued by Denis and they bond over one wild night with their respective friends in tow. Car chases, nudity and many illegally procured beers ensue; the evening has its moments. □



Michael Jackson's daughter, Paris Jackson, center, is hugged onstage by the Jackson family after speaking at the memorial service for Michael Jackson at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

(AP Photo/Monica Almeida, Pool)

## Nielsen: 31.1 million watched Jackson memorial

NEW YORK — Just over 31 million people in the United States watched the Michael Jackson memorial on television.

Nielsen Media Research says that's a smaller audience than for Princess Diana's funeral or President Barack Obama's inauguration — but it's still impressive in today's TV world. Millions more watched video streams on their computers.

The Jackson memorial on Tuesday afternoon was carried live on some 18 different networks, including all the big broadcasters and cable news stations.

By comparison, President Obama's inauguration in January had an audience of nearly 38 million. Nielsen says 33.2 million people in the U.S. watched Princess Diana's funeral in 1997. □



In this film publicity image released by Paramount Pictures, Megan Fox, left, and Shia LaBeouf are shown in a scene from 'Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.'

(AP Photo/Paramount Pictures, Jaimie Trueblood)

## 'Transformers' hits \$300 million mark in 14 days

LOS ANGELES — "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" has reached another Hollywood milestone.

The sci-fi blockbuster shot past the \$300 million mark domestically on Tuesday — after just 14 days in release.

That makes it the second-fastest movie to top \$300 million, behind last summer's "The Dark Knight," which made it in 10 days.

The "Transformers" sequel also has topped \$600 million worldwide. The movie is closing in on the \$319 million domestic total of the first "Transformers" installment in 2007, as well as the original flick's \$700 million worldwide total. □



## Sales of Michael Jackson albums soared last week



FILE - In this Dec. 3, 1984 photo, Michael Jackson performs with his brothers at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles as part of their Victory Tour concert.

(AP Photo/Doug Pizac, file)

NEW YORK — Nielsen SoundScan says 800,000 copies of Michael Jackson albums were bought in the U.S. last week — nearly double his sales from the

previous week.

Jackson is claiming the entire Top 10 roster on the Top Catalog Album chart this week. His “Number Ones” collection is the top seller, followed by “Thriller.” Solo albums occupy every position but No. 7, where the Jackson 5’s “Ultimate Collection” album resides.

Data from the week ending Sunday — the first full week since Jackson’s June 25 death — shows physical albums accounted for 80 percent of his sales.

On Billboard’s Hot Digital Songs chart, Jackson holds five out of the top 10 slots, with “Man in the Mirror” leading as his top-selling digital download song of the week.

Four Jackson CDs also are in the top 10 albums sold on iTunes, and five of the top 10 singles for the week ending Monday. □

## They Saved Michael Jackson’s Brain!

Josh Grossberg

Los Angeles (E! Online) — What do Michael Jackson and Albert Einstein have in common...besides pure genius? Both their brains are in a glass jar—at least for the time being. The Los Angeles County Coroner’s Office says it’s holding onto a section of the late King of Pop’s brain as part of its investigation into how he died. Because toxicology tests take several weeks and are not yet complete, a coroner spokesman says pathologists need to wait for the organ to harden before they can conduct neuropathology tests to help determine what caused Jackson’s apparent cardiac arrest and subsequent death. Investigators have focused on the possibility that Jackson accidentally overdosed on a potent anesthetic, and a thorough examination of brain tissue might shed some light on what drugs were in his system. The coroner’s office has told Jackson relatives they have the option of burying Michael without the missing portion of his brain, or they can wait until tests are done and the tissue



returned to its original place before finally laying him to rest. That could explain why relatives have yet to hold a burial service for the late pop star. The whereabouts of his remains are not known, having disappeared from public view following yesterday’s poignant public memorial; while, a family friend claimed Michael would be back at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, where a private funeral service was held earlier Tuesday, his body is not there, a source tells E! News.

Jackson’s death certificate, signed by his sister La Toya, was also issued Tuesday, listing the cause of death as “deferred.” A burial permit filed with the Los Angeles County’s Office of Vital Records has not been made public. □

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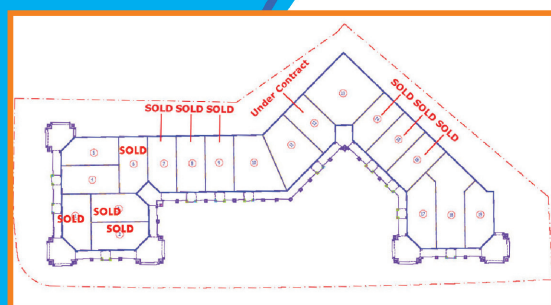
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This Jan. 9, 2007 file photo shows the facade of the New York Stock Exchange. The powerful attack that overwhelmed computers at U.S. and South Korean government agencies for days was even broader than initially realized, also targeting the White House, the Pentagon and the New York Stock Exchange. Some government Web sites - such as the Treasury Department, Federal Trade Commission and Secret Service - were still reporting problems days after the attack started during the July 4, 2009, holiday.

*Associated Press*

## White House among targets of sweeping cyber attack

LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The powerful attack that overwhelmed computers at U.S. and South Korean government agencies for days was even broader than initially realized, also targeting the White House, the Defense Department and the New York Stock Exchange. Other targets of the attack included the National Security Agency, Homeland Security Department, State Department, the Nasdaq stock market and The Washington Post, according to an early analysis of the malicious software used in the attacks. Many of the organizations appeared to successfully blunt the sustained computer assaults. The Associated Press obtained the target list from security experts analyzing the attacks. It was not immediately clear who might be responsible or what their motives were. South Korean intelligence officials believe the attacks were carried out by North Korea or pro-Pyongyang forces.

The attack was remarkably successful in limiting public access to victim Web sites, but internal e-mail systems are typically unaffected in such attacks. Some government Web sites — such as the Treasury Department, Federal Trade Commission and Secret Service — were still reporting problems days after the attack

started during the U.S. Independence Day July 4 holiday. South Korean Internet sites began experiencing problems Tuesday. South Korea's National Intelligence Service, the nation's principal spy agency, told a group of South Korean lawmakers Wednesday it believes that North Korea or North Korean sympathizers in the South were behind the attacks, according to an aide to one of the lawmakers briefed on the information. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity, citing the sensitivity of the information. The National Intelligence Service — South Korea's main spy agency — said it could not immediately confirm the report, but it said it was cooperating with American authorities. The attacks will be difficult to trace, said Professor Peter Sommer, an expert on cyberterrorism at the London School of Economics. "Even if you are right about the fact of being attacked, initial diagnoses are often wrong," he said Wednesday.

Amy Kudwa, spokeswoman for the Homeland Security Department, said the agency's U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team issued a notice to federal departments and other partner organizations about the problems and "advised them of steps to take to help mitigate against such attacks."

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## Mass. sues U.S. over definition of marriage

DENISE LAVOIE

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) —

Massachusetts, the first U.S. state to legalize gay marriage, sued the federal government Wednesday over a law that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman. The federal Defense of Marriage Act interferes with the right of Massachusetts to define and regulate marriage as it sees fit, Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley said. The 1996 law denies federal recognition of gay marriage and gives states the right to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Boston, argues the act "constitutes an overreaching and discriminatory federal law."

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Massachusetts State Attorney General Martha Coakley speaks to members of the media, Wednesday, July 8, 2009 in Boston about a lawsuit filed Wednesday that says that the federal Defense of Marriage Act interferes with the right of Massachusetts to define marriage as it sees fit.

*Associated Press*



From left, Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, U.S. President Barack Obama, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev leave after a G8 group photo in L'Aquila, Italy, Wednesday, July 8, 2009. The leaders of the Group of Eight nations, united in their desire to work together to fight the worst economic crisis since the Depression, are discussing Wednesday how to coordinate their exit strategies once their economies are stable.

*Associated Press*

## U.S., other wealthy nations vow global warming cuts

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This Oct. 31 2008, file photo shows the Washington Post building in Washington. The powerful attack that overwhelmed computers at U.S. and South Korean government agencies for days was even broader than initially realized, also targeting the White House, the Pentagon and the New York Stock Exchange. Some government Web sites -such as the Treasury Department, Federal Trade Commission and Secret Service - were still reporting problems days after the attack started during the July 4, 2009, holiday.

#### CYBER ATTACK

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New York Stock Exchange spokesman Ray Pellecchia could not confirm the attack, saying the company does not comment on security issues. Attacks on federal computer networks are common, ranging from nuisance hacking to more

serious assaults, sometimes blamed on China. U.S. security officials also worry about cyber attacks from al-Qaida or other terrorists. This time, two government officials acknowledged that the Treasury and Secret Service sites were brought down, and said the agencies

were working with their Internet service provider to resolve the problem. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the matter.

BenRushlo, director of Internet technologies at Keynote Systems, said problems with the Transportation Department site began Saturday and continued until Monday, while the FTC site was down Sunday and Monday.

Keynote Systems is a mobile and Web site monitoring company based in San Mateo, Calif. The company publishes data detailing outages on Web sites, including 40 government sites it watches.

According to Rushlo, the Transportation Web site was "100 percent down" for two days, so that no Internet users could get through to it. The FTC site, meanwhile, started to come back online late Sunday, but even on Tuesday Internet users still were unable to get to the site 70 percent of the time. □

#### Some recent international cyber attacks

The Associated Press

A look at some known international cyber attacks in recent years:

—In April, a former U.S. government official said that spies had hacked into the U.S. electric grid and left behind computer programs that would let them disrupt service, though it was not clear when the breach occurred. The official said the intrusion was "almost without a doubt" done by state sponsors.

—In March, a Canadian research group concluded that hackers likely based in China stole sensitive information from thousands of hard drives worldwide and hacked into the computer system of the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet. China denied any involvement.

— In March, U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Florida, said his office computers were hacked three times by "cyber-invaders thought to be inside China." Nelson, a member of the Senate's Intelligence, Armed Services and Finance committees, described one of the incidents as serious, but said he did not believe any sensitive information was stolen.

— In 2008, Georgian government and corporate Web sites began to see "denial of service" attacks just ahead of the outbreak of war with Russia. The Kremlin denied involvement, but a group of independent Western computer experts traced domain names and Web site registration data to conclude that the Russian top security and military intelligence agencies were involved.

— In 2007, alleged Russian hackers crippled government and corporate computer networks in Estonia for nearly three weeks following deadly riots that were sparked by the relocation of a Soviet war memorial. □



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It says the approximately 16,000 same-sex couples who have married in Massachusetts since the state began performing gay marriages in 2004 are being unfairly denied federal benefits given to heterosexual couples. Besides Massachusetts, five other states — Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Iowa — have legalized gay marriage. Gay marriage opponents in Maine said Wednesday that they had collected enough signatures to put the state's new law on the November ballot for a possible override.

**Environmentalists unfurl banner on Mount Rushmore**

SIOUX FALLS, South Dakota (AP) — Environmentalists who hung a banner on Mount Rushmore National Memorial calling for a stop to global warming have been arrested.

A federal prosecutor says 11 people pleaded not guilty to trespassing and the misdemeanor crime of climbing on Mount Rushmore.

The environmental group Greenpeace says in a statement that its members hung the 2,300-square-foot banner that read, "America honors leaders not politicians: Stop Global Warming."

The banner was removed about an hour after it was

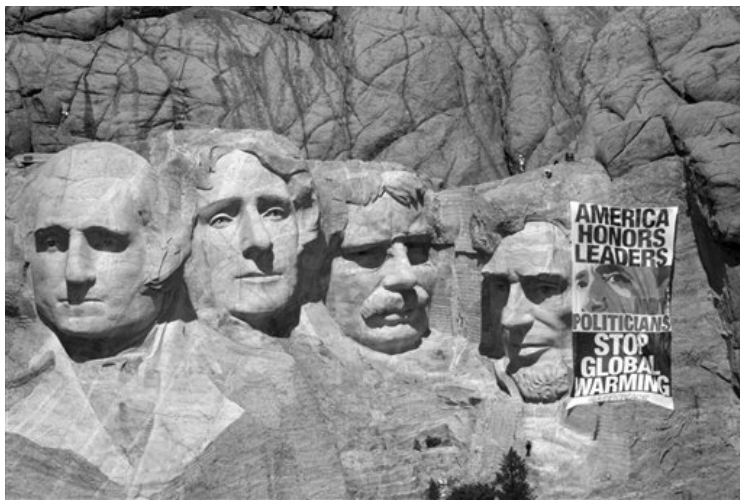
The Massachusetts lawsuit challenges the section of the federal law that creates a federal definition of marriage as "a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife."

Before the law was passed, Coakley said, the federal government recognized that defining marital status was the "exclusive prerogative of the states." Now, because of the U.S. law's definition of marriage, same-sex couples are denied access to benefits given to heterosexual married couples, including federal incometax credits, employment benefits, retirement benefits, health insurance coverage and Social Security payments, the

lawsuit says.

The lawsuit also argues that the federal law requires the state to violate the constitutional rights of its citizens by treating married heterosexual couples and married same-sex couples differently when determining eligibility for Medicaid benefits and when determining whether the spouse of a veteran can be buried in a Massachusetts veterans' cemetery.

"In enacting DOMA, Congress overstepped its authority, undermined states' efforts to recognize marriages between same-sex couples, and codified an animus towards gay and lesbian people," the lawsuit states.



In this picture provided by the environmental group Greenpeace, Greenpeace climbers rappel down the face of Mount Rushmore National Memorial in Keystone, S.D. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 to unfurl a banner that challenges President Obama to show leadership on global warming. Obama is at the G8 meeting in Italy to discuss the global warming crisis with other world leaders.

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unfurled from the top of the mountain Wednesday and hung alongside the carving of former President Abraham Lincoln. A park ranger says tourists helped alert park officials.

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Keegan O'Brien of Worcester, Mass., leads chants as members of the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community protest the Defense of Marriage Act outside a Democratic National Committee fundraiser at which Vice President Joe Biden was expected to attend at Fenway Park in Boston Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

*Associated Press*

The Justice Department had not seen the lawsuit and cannot respond until it has a chance to review it, spokesman Charles Miller said.

The Defense of Marriage Act was enacted when it appeared Hawaii would soon legalize same-sex marriages and opponents worried that other states would be forced to recognize them.

President Barack Obama has pledged to work to repeal the law, although gay rights activists criticized the administration last month after Justice Department lawyers defended it in a court brief. White House aides said they were doing their jobs to support a law that is on the books.

This is the second lawsuit filed in Massachusetts challenging the law.

In March, the Boston-based

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders claimed the law discriminates against gay couples and is unconstitutional because it denies them access to federal benefits that other married couples receive, such as health insurance and pensions.

In Maine, the Stand for Marriage Maine coalition said it took only four weeks to gather more than the 55,087 signatures necessary to put gay marriage to a vote. The Maine law to legalize gay marriage had been scheduled to go into effect Sept. 12. It will be put on hold after the signatures are submitted and certified by the secretary of state's office. Voters will then decide in November whether it should stand.

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# On eve of debate, House Democrats say CIA lied



CIA Director Leon Panetta speaks during a National Italian-American Foundation luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, June 11, 2009.

*Associated Press*

**PAMELA HESS**

**Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director Leon Panetta told Congress last month that senior CIA officials have concealed significant actions and misled lawmakers repeatedly since 2001, the chairman and other members of the House Intelligence Committee said in letters revealed Wednesday. Exactly what actions Panetta disclosed to the House

Intelligence Committee on June 24 is unclear, but committee chairman Silvestre Reyes said that the CIA outright lied in one case. "These notifications have led me to conclude that this committee has been misled, has not been provided full and complete notifications, and (in at least one case) was affirmatively lied to," Reyes wrote in a letter Tuesday to Michigan Rep. Peter

Hoekstra, the committee's senior Republican. A copy of the letter was obtained by The Associated Press.

Reyes said in the letter that he is considering opening a full investigation.

Panetta brought the matters to the committee's attention, CIA spokesman George Little said Wednesday.

"It is not the policy or practice of the CIA to mislead Congress. This agency and this director believe it is vital to keep the Congress fully and currently informed. Director Panetta's actions back that up," Little said in a statement to the AP. "It was the CIA itself that took the initiative to notify the oversight committees."

Seven Democratic members of the House Intelligence Committee sent a letter to Panetta on June 26 asking that in light of his disclosure he revise a statement he made in May to CIA employees that it was not CIA policy or practice to mislead Congress.

The cryptic letter and CIA statement came on the eve of a House debate on an intelligence bill. The debate is

expected to revive a partisan argument that has raged on and off for months about whether House Speaker Nancy Pelosi knew in the fall of 2002 about the CIA's use of waterboarding weeks earlier.

Waterboarding is an interrogation technique the CIA used on three prisoners in 2002 and 2003. It is a form of simulated drowning that President Barack Obama has called torture.

Congressional aides expect much of the debate on the House intelligence bill to be diverted into a discussion of what Pelosi knew about the CIA's harsh interrogation program and why, if she was briefed on it, she didn't formally object to it.

Pelosi told reporters in May she had not been informed that waterboarding had been used against terrorism suspects, even though it had been. When asked whether she was accusing the CIA of lying to her, she said, "Yes."

The CIA sent lawmakers a chart in May describing the 40 congressional briefings it gave on the interrogation

techniques. But that document was found to include several errors, leaving in question exactly what Pelosi was told.

The Republicans seized on her accusation that the CIA misled Congress, contending that the California Democrat's remarks have demoralized the intelligence community. House Republicans have repeatedly demanded that a bipartisan panel investigate her allegations.

Rep. Rush Holt, one of the authors of the June 26 letter to Panetta, said the June revelation to the committee bolsters Pelosi's case.

"If people are saying, 'Heaven forbid the speaker said the CIA deceived Congress'— anyone who has served any time on these committees and is straightforward will say, 'Yes, of course,'" Holt, a Democrat, told the AP.

House Republicans oppose at least one provision in the intelligence authorization bill, and they have an unusual ally: the White House.

Obama's aides have said they will recommend he veto the bill if it includes a Democratic-written provision requiring the president to notify the intelligence committees in their entirety about covert CIA activities.

Under current law, the president is only obligated to notify the top Democratic and Republican leaders of the House and Senate and the senior Democratic and Republican members on each chamber's intelligence committee.

Democrats want to open the briefings to all members of the House and Senate intelligence committees unless committee leaders agreed otherwise. That would be about 40 lawmakers, depending on shifting membership rosters, instead of the eight required by law.

They claim the Bush administration sought to undermine congressional oversight. However, the White House is concerned that briefing more lawmakers might compromise the most sensitive U.S. intelligence operations. □

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# Ad exec arraigned in standoff, house burning

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Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP) — An advertising executive taken from his burning home after holding his ex-wife hostage in a 13-hour standoff with police was arraigned Wednesday while lying in a Connecticut hospital emergency room.

Richard Shenkman, 60, was

shackled to his hospital bed, heavily sedated and surrounded by police, corrections officers and security guards as Judge Brad Ward set bond at \$12.5 million, defense attorney Hugh Keefe said. Shenkman is expected to be transferred to a prison Thursday and is due in court July 14.

"He's been fading in and out of consciousness," Keefe said. "But he was mentally alert

enough for Judge Ward to arraign him."

The bedside arraignment took place less than 24 hours after Shenkman allegedly kidnapped ex-wife Nancy Tyler and held her hostage in the suburban home they used to share in South Windsor. He held police at bay for 13 hours, telling negotiators he would blow up the two-story house with 65 pounds of explosives,



The house belonging to Richard Shenkman and his ex-wife, Nancy Tyler, smolders Wednesday, July 8, 2009 in South Windsor, Conn. Police say Shenkman kidnapped Tyler Tuesday morning and held her hostage at the South Windsor home during what turned out to be a 13-hour standoff with authorities. Shenkman set the house on fire and surrendered at about midnight while the house was engulfed in flames.

Associated Press

## Blagojevich aide pleads guilty in corruption case

MIKE ROBINSON

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CHICAGO (AP) — A former chief of staff to ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich pleaded guilty Wednesday to taking part in a scheme to sell or trade President Barack Obama's Senate seat and vowed to testify at the ex-governor's corruption trial.

John Harris, 47, admitted in his signed plea agreement that he repeatedly talked with Blagojevich about how the then-governor could turn his power to name a successor to Obama to his own financial advantage — such as trading it for a high-paying job.

Harris's defense attorney, Terry Ekl, said he expects Blagojevich to go to trial on racketeering conspiracy charges and that his client would take the witness stand to outline what he knows about corruption in the administration. "I have never

met a person who is going to be a better witness than John Harris is going to be," Ekl told reporters after his client pleaded guilty.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, Randall Samborn, had no comment. Harris pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel to a single count of wire fraud for a November 2008 phone conversation about appointing Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett to the seat being vacated by Obama's election as president.

In his plea agreement, Harris outlined a scheme under which Blagojevich would get a job as head of a union-sponsored organization, Change to Win, in exchange for giving Jarrett the Senate seat. Officials of the Service Employees International Union were to broker the scheme had it gone forward. It did not. □



In this Dec. 9, 2008 file photo, John Harris, a former top aide to ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich, leaves the federal building in Chicago after his arrest on corruption charges. On Wednesday, July 8, 2009, Harris pleaded guilty to taking part in a plan to sell or trade President Barack Obama's former Senate seat in exchange for financial benefits for the governor or his wife.

Associated Press

authorities said.

Tyler eventually escaped with handcuffs dangling from one wrist, and Shenkman allegedly set the house ablaze before surrendering after midnight. Shenkman is charged with kidnapping, arson, reckless endangerment and the illegal discharge of a weapon. It was just one of many chaotic episodes in the history of a man described by authorities as a threatening, angry ex-husband.

He already faced charges of setting fire to another Connecticut house in 2007 rather than turn it over to Tyler.

Court records say Shenkman frequently violated a protective order and repeatedly threatened Tyler's life and his own, saying the only way they would become divorced was if one of them died.

Voicemail messages, e-mails

and handwritten notes in the divorce case file show Shenkman's intense mental anguish.

"I am totally broke. In money. Mind and spirit. All I have left is the ability to shout to the world what you and Nancy have done to me, her children and herself," Shenkman wrote in a July, 2007 e-mail to Tyler's attorney.

At times, he used those messages to paint himself as a needy, groveling victim: "I need help praying. You and I could say a prayer together ... Please call me, please call me, please call me. Please," he begged in a voicemail to Tyler.

Frequently, he alluded to suicide: "Nancy, I want to call you back and give you a location. You can call the police and have them go there and find me," he said in another voicemail message. □



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A paramilitary soldier shouts as he charges towards Kashmiris protesting the death of civilian Asrar Ahmed, who locals say was taken by security forces in Indian Kashmir, in Srinagar, India, Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

*Associated Press*

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Troops in Indian Kashmir fired guns in the air and lobbed tear gas on Wednesday at mobs protesting the death of a man they say was abducted by security forces. There were no immediate reports of any casualties. The violence is the latest in a series of confrontations that periodically rock Kashmir,

where Muslim separatists have been fighting Indian rule for 20 years. Trouble started after the discovery of the mutilated body of Asrar Ahmed, 22, in a graveyard late Tuesday. His family identified Ahmed by the clothes on his body, his father Mushtaq Ahmed told The Associated Press. He gave no other details.

## Angry protests rock Indian Kashmir

Senior Superintendent of Police Afad-ul-Mujatada said Ahmed's body had multiple injuries on the head. He said police are investigating the calls registered on his mobile phone. Ahmed had gone missing in Srinagar, the main city in Indian-controlled Kashmir, on Friday. Residents alleged that he had been taken into custody by security forces illegally. Mujatada denied he had been in police custody, adding that the body has been handed over to the family for the funeral, expected later Wednesday. As news of the body's discovery spread, thousands of residents came out on the streets of Srinagar, hurling stones at security forces and setting at least one police vehicle on fire. Mujatada said two police were injured. Shops shut down hastily as security forces tried to

beat back the protesters, firing above their heads and throwing tear gas. Thousands of people participated in the protests, which largely took place in the downtown areas of Maisuma and Lal Chowk. About 3,000 students also demonstrated inside a local university, clashing with police who again fired tear gas. Several smaller protests took place in other parts of the city. Late last month, Indian security forces opened fire and lobbed tear gas to disperse hundreds of stone-throwing pro-independence demonstrators, killing four and injuring dozens in Baramullah town, 35 miles (55 kilometers) north of Srinagar. Also, at least two people were killed and more than 400 injured in clashes during anti-India protests that erupted

after the bodies of a 17-year-old girl and her 22-year-old sister-in-law were found in a shallow stream in late May. Residents of the area accused Indian soldiers of raping and killing the women. Authorities have not commented on the allegations. Anti-India sentiment runs deep in Kashmir, which is divided between India and Muslim-majority Pakistan and claimed in its entirety by both. The South Asian neighbors have fought two of three wars over the Himalayan region since independence from Britain in 1947. Separatist militants have been fighting since 1989 for the independence for India's only Muslim-majority region from the Hindu-majority country or its merger with Pakistan. More than 68,000 people, mostly civilians, have been killed in the conflict. □



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<b>R</b>	<b>THE TAKING OF PELHAM 123</b>	daily: 7:10 matinee: 11:45		9:30 11:45	
<b>PG-13</b>	<b>YEAR ONE</b>	daily: 5:00 matinee: 12:40	7:10 late show: 11:20	9:15 11:20	
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<b>PG</b>	<b>ICE AGE 3 DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS</b>	daily: 4:15 matinee: 12:20	6:15 late show: 11:00		<b>3D</b>
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# Two suspected U.S. missile attacks kill 45 in Pakistan

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Associated Press Writer

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) — Suspected U.S. drones launched two missile attacks on Taliban targets in the South Waziristan tribal region on Wednesday, killing at least 45 militants in the latest in a barrage of strikes close to the Afghan border, intelligence officials said. The army said the top Taliban commander in another area of the northwest, the scenic Swat Valley, was wounded in a Pakistani airstrike. It gave no more details. South Waziristan lies close to the Afghan border and is the stronghold of Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud. Pakistan's military is also bombing and firing mortars at insurgent targets in the region, saying it is chipping away at Mehsud's resistance before launching a ground offensive there to eliminate him. Mehsud is blamed for many of the bloodiest terrorist attacks in nuclear-armed Pakistan in recent years. The first strike took place before dawn. A suspected U.S. drone fired six missiles

at a mountaintop training camp in the Karwan Manza area of South Waziristan, killing 10 militants, the intelligence officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media. The nationalities and the identities of the slain men were not immediately known. Hours later, 12 miles (20 kilometers) to the east, missiles believed fired from a U.S. drone hit four vehicles carrying Taliban militants, killing at least 35, including a key Taliban commander, one intelligence official said. He did not disclose the commander's identity. Other intelligence officials put the death toll as high as 50. Independent verification of the casualties and the target was not possible because the region is remote, dangerous and largely inaccessible to journalists. U.S. officials do not publicly comment on the strikes. The latest strike brings to six the number of suspected American missile attacks in South Waziristan in just over two weeks, an uptick that suggests Washington is

also trying to kill or weaken Mehsud and his followers in the run-up to the Pakistani campaign. Despite the apparent convergence of interests, Pakistan's army insists it is not coordinating with the U.S. It says the American missile attacks are hurting its attempts to kill or capture Mehsud because they alienate local tribesmen they are trying to enlist in their campaign against him. The United States is believed to have launched more than 40 missile strikes against targets in the border area since last August that have killed several hundred people, according to a count by The Associated Press based on figures given by intelligence officials. The Pakistani government routinely protests the strikes as violation of the country's sovereignty and has publicly asked the United States to give them the technology to launch their own attacks. But many analysts suspect the government — which has received billions of dollars a year from the United States in aid since 2001 — secretly cooperates with them.



Pakistani security officials collect evidence from the site of a suicide bombing in Peshawar, Pakistan on Wednesday, July 8, 2009. A suicide bomber blew himself up in the main northwestern city of Peshawar, which lies just next to the tribal areas. No one was killed in the attack except the bomber, police officer Qazi Jamil said.

Associated Press

Pakistan launched the Swat Valley offensive more than two months ago after militants led by Maulana Fazlullah violated the terms of a peace deal. It claims to have nearly cleared the valley of militants, killing more than 1,500. Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said Wednesday that according to "credible information" Fazlullah was wounded in a

recent airstrike. Fazlullah's capture or killing would be a major symbolic victory for the army and give a psychological boost to local residents fearful that the Taliban could re-emerge in Swat. Abbas gave no more information about the circumstances involving Fazlullah's wounding. A militant spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment. □



# U.S., other wealthy nations vow global warming cuts

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L'AQUILA, Italy (AP) — Targeting global warming, President Barack Obama and other leaders of the world's richest industrial countries pledged Wednesday to seek dramatic cuts in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 to slow dangerous climate change. Setting a marker for success, they agreed for the first time that worldwide temperatures must not rise more than a few degrees. However, their goals are nonbinding, and it's far from clear they will be met. The wealthy nations failed to persuade the leaders of big developing countries to promise to cut their own fast-spreading pollution, unable to overcome arguments that the well-established industrial giants aren't doing enough in the short term. Obama and his counterparts from the other wealthy Group of Eight nations agreed that global temperatures should be kept from rising by more than 2 degrees Celsius, or 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, in the fight against weather changes caused by mankind. The results left some Western

leaders cheering. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown called the group's statement a "historic agreement." German Chancellor Angela Merkel said it was "a clear step forward." Environmental groups said the effort fell far short in its bid to cut carbon emissions that come mainly from energy production and that trap heat in the atmosphere. Still, climate change experts said the measure on trying to limit temperature increases — with agreement by both the G-8 and a 17-member group of industrialized and developing nations meeting here this week — was an important step. An increase up to the limit the leaders set wouldn't eliminate the risk of runaway climate change but would reduce it, experts said. Even a slight increase in average temperatures could wreak havoc on farmers around the globe, as seasons shift, crops fail and storms and droughts ravage fields. "After a long struggle, all of the G-8 nations have finally accepted the 2-degree goal," said Merkel. The United States and other G-8 nations set a goal of reducing their greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent or



From left, Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, U.S. President Barack Obama, French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Sweden's Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso stand for a group photo of G8 leaders at the G-8 summit in L'Aquila, Italy on Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

*Associated Press*

more by 2050. That's part of a plan to have all such gases, from rich and poor nations alike, fall by 50 percent globally by that year. But developing countries feel the better-established nations aren't doing enough in the shorter term. They also worry that major reduction commitments on their parts, even if below the 80 percent target of rich nations, would hamper economic growth in China, India, Mexico, Brazil and many other non G-8 countries. As for the target for limiting global temperatures, a summit statement said it reflected a "broad scientific view." Until now, however, the U.S. had resisted embracing the target because it implied a commitment to dramatically change the way the world generates electricity, fuels its cars and builds its houses. U.S. businesses and the broader national economy could suffer badly under strict pollution limits, many argue. Environmentalists welcomed the shift in U.S. policy but criticized the G-8's failure to agree on more immediate goals for the industrial countries. The long-term ambition "is too far off to matter — poor people are being hit today," said Antonio Hill, of the nonprofit Oxfam International. The G-8 leaders also addressed the global recession and agreed economic conditions are still

too shaky to begin rolling back massive fiscal stimulus plans. A statement said leaders "note some signs of stabilization," but it stressed the difficult outlook instead of counter-concerns over debt and high spending. The leaders did commit to preparing exit strategies from the "unprecedented and concerted action" that has been taken to boost growth through government spending, low interest rates and expansive monetary policy. Germany, worried about running up crippling debt, has pressed for spending restraint, but other major economies including Britain, Japan and the United States won't rule out the need to pump in more money. The leaders gathered Wednesday in the earthquake-devastated central Italian city of L'Aquila, many arriving in electric cars and all welcomed by Italian host Premier Silvio Berlusconi. Over a long working dinner, they discussed world security issues ranging from Iran to North Korea. They emerged with a joint statement deploring government-backed violence and media restrictions in the aftermath of Iran's disputed election last month. The condemnation and concern were a far cry from the calls by some for something tougher, such as sanctions against Tehran or other action. In the face of Russian opposition,

the Iran issue didn't even rate a statement separate from the other security issues, as had been expected. Nonetheless, the Obama team and other leaders portrayed the statement as a victory in its unanimity. "I think it's a strong statement and it reflects a real sense of urgency," said Williams Burns, Obama's undersecretary of state for political affairs. Obama also announced at the dinner that he will host a nuclear security summit early next March in Washington. Around two dozen nations are expected to attend, to focus on nuclear terrorism, the black markets trade in nuclear materials and the detection and interception of materials in transit, said Obama adviser Mark Lippert. The abrupt return home from Italy of Chinese President Hu Jintao after ethnic tensions soared in China's western Xingjiang territory could weaken trust-building discussions on making further progress on climate change. He did leave a national delegation behind. China is among five developing market economies — along with Brazil, India, Mexico and South Africa — that are participating in the summit for the fifth straight year, joining the talks on Thursday to discuss aid and development. Also joining are nine African nations. □

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# Troops flood streets after riots in western China

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URUMQI, China (AP) — Thousands of Chinese troops flooded into this city Wednesday to separate feuding ethnic groups after three days of communal violence left 156 people dead, and a senior Communist Party official vowed to execute those guilty of murder in the rioting in western China.

Long convoys of armored cars and green troop trucks with riot police rumbled through Urumqi, a city of 2.3 million people. Other security forces carrying automatic rifles with bayonets formed cordons to defend Muslim neighborhoods from marauding groups of vigilantes with sticks.

Military helicopters buzzed over Xinjiang's regional capital, dropping pamphlets urging people to stay in their homes and stop fighting. Special police from other provinces were called in to patrol the city.

The crisis was so severe that President Hu Jintao cut short a trip to Italy, where he was to participate in a Group of Eight summit. It was an embarrassing move for a leader who wants to show that China has a harmonious society as it prepares to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Communist rule.

The heightened security came amid the worst spasm of ethnic violence in decades in Xinjiang — a sprawling, oil-rich territory that borders Pakistan, Afghanistan and other Central Asian countries. The region is home to the Uighur ethnic minority, who rioted Sunday and attacked the Han Chinese — the nation's biggest ethnic group — after holding a protest that was ended by police.

Officials have said 156 people were killed as the Turkic-speaking Uighurs ran amok in the city, beating and stabbing the Han Chinese. The Uighurs allege that trigger-happy security forces gunned down many of the protesters, and officials have yet to give an ethnic breakdown of those killed.

More than 1,100 people were wounded in the violence.

Dr. Yuan Hong of Urumqi People's Hospital said most of the people treated at his facility were clubbed, while others had been cut by knives. Li Zhi, the highest-ranking Communist Party official in Urumqi, told reporters that some of the rioters were university students who were misled and didn't understand what they were doing. They would be treated leniently, he said, as long as they weren't involved in serious acts of violence and vandalism.

But Li added: "To those who committed crimes with cruel means, we will execute them."

He also repeated allegations that the riot was whipped up by U.S.-exiled Uighur activist Rebiya Kadeer and her overseas supporters. "They're afraid to see our economic prosperity. They're afraid to see our ethnic unity and the people living a stable, prosperous life," he said.

Kadeer has denied masterminding the violence, and many Uighurs laughed off the notion that they were puppets of groups abroad.

"Not even a 3-year-old would believe that Rebiya stirred this up. It's ridiculous," said a shopkeeper who only identified himself as Ahmet. Like other Uighurs, he declined to give his full name because he feared the police would detain him.

Ahmet was quick to rattle off a long list of grievances commonly mentioned by Uighurs. He accused the Han Chinese of discrimination and alleged that government policies were forcing them to abandon their culture, language and Islamic faith.

"After all this rioting, I'm still filled with hatred. I'm not afraid of the Han Chinese," Ahmet said.

His neighborhood in southern Urumqi was targeted by mobs of Han Chinese who roamed the capital Tuesday seeking revenge. Ahmet's friends had video shot by mobile phones and cameras that showed the stick-wielding Han men beating Uighurs. He pointed to blood stains on a white concrete apartment wall, where he said a Uighur was



Chinese paramilitary police patrol in Urumqi, western China's Xinjiang province, Wednesday, July 8, 2009. China flooded the capital of western Xinjiang province with security forces Wednesday after ethnic riots left at least 156 dead.

severely stabbed.

A Uighur college student who called herself Parizat added, "The men were carrying a Chinese flag. I never thought something like this would happen. We're all Chinese citizens."

The Uighurs accused paramilitary police of allowing the Han Chinese to attack their neighbors. But in the video, the troops appeared to be trying to block or restrain the mobs.

On Wednesday, the government warned residents against carrying weapons on the street, and most people generally complied. But there were groups of Han Chinese who tried to find soft spots in police cordons and rush into Uighur neighborhoods.

One such failed attempt sent a wave of terror and panic through the biggest Uighur neighborhood, Er Dao Qiao. When someone yelled, "The Han are coming!" children scampered indoors and women ran shrieking through a backstreet market with carts of watermelons, shops selling cold soft drinks and smoky grills with sizzling lamb kebabs.

Within seconds, the men armed themselves with spears stashed behind doors and under market stands. The

weapons were long poles with knives and meat cleavers tied to the ends. Piles of rocks were stacked across the street for ammunition.

One Uighur graduate student who called himself Memet greeted a foreign reporter in

English by saying, "Welcome to the jungle!"

"I think the Uighur people lately are kind of happy. You can see it in their eyes, a bit of happiness. We've spoken up. People know we exist now," he said. □

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# SPORTS

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Aaron Peirsol reacts to setting a world record during the finals of the men's 100-meter backstroke at the U.S. National Swimming Championships in Indianapolis, Wednesday, July 8, 2009. Peirsol won with a time of 51.94 seconds.

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### Aaron Peirsol reclaims 100 back world mark

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Aaron Peirsol reclaimed his world record in the 100-meter backstroke at the U.S. championships on Wednesday.

The Olympic champion trailed Matt Grevers at 50 meters, then poured it on to win in 51.94 seconds, becoming the first person ever to swim under 52 seconds in the event.

Peirsol's previous mark of 52.54 set at the Beijing Olympics was broken by Spain's Aschwin Wildeboer Faber on July 1. Faber swam 52.38 on the backstroke leg of the 400 medley relay at the Mediterranean Games. Grevers, the Olympic silver medalist, finished second in 53.11, giving himself

another crack at taking down Peirsol in Rome at the world championships this month.

It was the sixth time Peirsol has lowered the world record in the 100 back, an event he has dominated for most of the decade.

Peirsol took back the world record wearing an Arena X-Glide, one of the newer suits approved by FINA. He donned the version that covers his legs.

"I feel like if I would have worn another suit, I probably would have broken the world record anyway tonight by the way I was feeling," he said. "That's one race that's coming a little easier for me, and tonight I just felt really good." □

## WADA head urges MLB to adopt its code

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AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The president of the World Anti-Doping Agency urged Major League Baseball to adopt its code, which includes a two-year suspension for an athlete's first positive test.

MLB and the players' association have toughened their drug rules three times since their initial agreement in August 2002, and MLB executive vice president for labor relations Rob Manfred quickly dismissed criticism by WADA president John Fahey, calling him "sadly misinformed." The policy calls for 50-game suspensions for first offenses, 100-game penalties for second offenses and lifetime bans for third violations. WADA specifies a lifetime ban for a second offense. "MLB, the players and all those involved in the league need to clearly demonstrate that they are committed to ridding their sport from doping," Fahey said in a statement on Wednesday. "With recent cases, investigations and revelations, including in



Fans hold up signs as Los Angeles Dodgers' Manny Ramirez comes up to bat during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres Friday, July 3, 2009 in San Diego.

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recently published books, the evidence is indisputable that doping remains an entrenched issue in baseball." Three-time most valuable player Alex Rodriguez said in February he used steroids from 2001-03 while with Texas. He made the admission following a Sports Illustrated report he tested positive during MLB's

anonymous 2003 survey test, which didn't carry any penalties.

Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Manny Ramirez returned last Friday from a 50-game suspension that was based on evidence he used the banned human chorionic gonadotropin, a fertility drug.

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Thomas Voeckler of France reacts as crosses the finish line to win the fifth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 122 miles with start in Le Cap d'Agde and finish in Perpignan, southern France, Wednesday July 8, 2009.

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### Voeckler wins fifth Tour de France stage

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

PERPIGNAN, France (AP) — Five years to the day after he put on the yellow jersey, Thomas Voeckler of France claimed his first stage victory on the Tour de France on Wednesday.

Voeckler, who wore the coveted leader's jersey for nine days in 2004, made his move 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) from the finish to escape a small breakaway. The Frenchman arrived at the line with tears in his eyes.

"I dedicate this victory to myself, my son and my wife, who actually didn't see me win as she was returning home in a plane," the 30-year-old Voeckler said.

Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland retained the overall lead, with seven-time champion Lance Armstrong a fraction of a second behind after the fifth stage, a 196.5-kilometer (122-mile) ride along the windy Mediterranean Sea from Le Cap d'Agde to Perpignan.

Voeckler clocked 4 hours, 29 minutes, 35 seconds, seven seconds faster than the peloton that was barreling down on him. □



AL Roundup

# Rangers win to move level with Angels

**The Associated Press**  
ANAHEIM, California (AP) — The Texas Rangers moved back into a tie with Los Angeles for leadership of the American League West division with an 8-5 win over the Angels on Tuesday.

Andruw Jones hit a three-run homer to key Texas' decisive six-run fifth inning.

The homer, a score on a wild pitch, and a two-run single all came with two outs in the fifth as the Rangers overhauled Los Angeles' 3-0 lead.

Los Angeles pitcher John Lackey gave up six runs in 4 2-3 innings.

## Yankees 10, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, pitcher C.C. Sabathia allowed just one run in seven innings, steering New York past Minnesota.

The bottom third of the Yankees batting order combined for seven hits and six RBIs.

Twins pitcher Scott Baker was 2-0 with a 1.50 ERA in his only two previous starts against the Yankees, but gave up five runs in three innings, his shortest outing of the season.

Sabathia held Minnesota All-Stars Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau hitless in six combined at-bats.

## Rays 3, Blue Jays 1, 11 innings

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Pat Burrell hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning to give Tampa Bay victory over Toronto.

The AL champions stopped a four-game losing streak that included three losses to rookie pitchers. They still struggled at the plate, managing just two hits in six innings against the Blue Jays debutant pitcher Marc Rzepczynski.

Burrell, mired in a 4-for-34 slump, hit only his fourth homer of the season.

## Red Sox 5, Athletics 2

In Boston, Josh Beckett became Boston's second pitcher to reach 10 wins this season, helping the Red Sox overcome Oakland.

Beckett matched the win total of Tim Wakefield and remained unbeaten at home this season with five wins in eight starts.

Boston's Jason Bay, the top vote-getter among AL outfielders for next Tuesday's All-Star game, hit a solo shot in the second inning for his 20th homer of the season but first in 49 at-bats.

In Detroit, pitcher Justin Verlander struck out 11 to run his AL-best strikeout total to 141, as Detroit downed Kansas City.

That strikeout total is the most by a Detroit pitcher

before the All-Star break in 37 years. He gave up seven hits over six innings.

Marcus Thames hit a three-run homer for the AL Central-leading Tigers.

## Orioles 12, Mariners 4

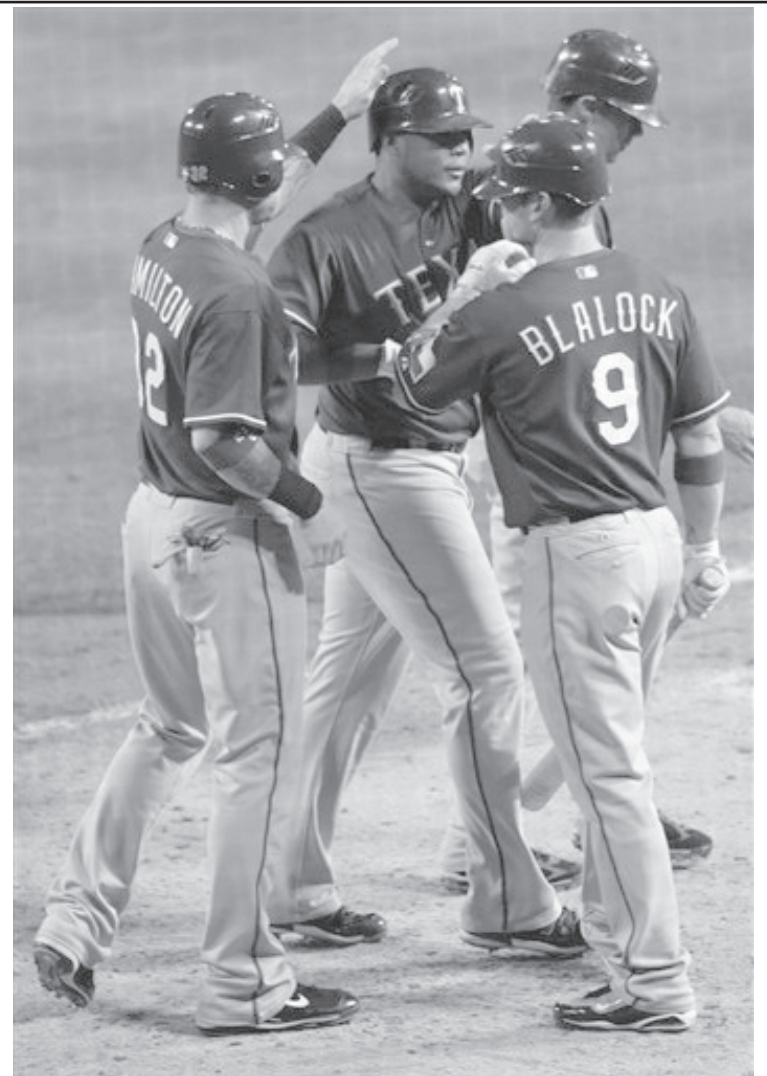
In Seattle, Luke Scott had three hits and a career-high seven RBIs to power Baltimore over Seattle.

Scott had a two-run single in the first, a two-run triple in a four-run sixth and a three-run homer in a six-run seventh. His previous high for RBIs was five.

## White Sox 10, Indians 6

In Chicago, Paul Konerko hit a career-high three home runs, including a go-ahead grand slam in the sixth inning, as Chicago beat Cleveland.

Konerko, who drove in a career-high seven runs, became the 12th player in White Sox history to hit three homers in a game and



Texas Rangers' Andruw Jones, center, is congratulated by teammates Josh Hamilton, left, and Hank Blalock (9) after he hit a three-run home run against the Los Angeles Angels during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

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the first for six years.

**In other AL games it was, Detroit 8, Kansas City 5; Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 1, 11 innings; Boston 5,**

**Oakland 2; N.Y. Yankees 10, Minnesota 2; Chicago White Sox 10, Cleveland 6; Texas 8, L.A. Angels 5; and Baltimore 12, Seattle 4.** □



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## NL Roundup

# Wainwright guides Cardinals to win over Brewers



MILWAUKEE (AP) — Adam Wainwright came within two outs of his first career shutout and Ryan Ludwick and Colby Rasmus homered for St. Louis in a 5-0 victory over Milwaukee on Tuesday night. The 27-year-old righthander worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the second and didn't allow a hit after the fourth inning until Casey McGehee's infield hit leading off the ninth.

Wainwright (9-5) allowed seven hits, struck out nine and walked two before being lifted for Ryan Franklin, who induced Jason Kendall to hit into a double play on his second pitch.

It was the fourth time this season Milwaukee has been shut out and the third time in the last nine games.

Yovani Gallardo (8-6) allowed four runs and six hits, walked five and struck out five in five

innings.

## Reds 4, Phillies 3

At Philadelphia, Ramon Hernandez hit a tiebreaking RBI single off Brad Lidge in the ninth inning for Cincinnati.

Brandon Phillips hit two homers and drove in three runs to help the Reds rebound from the worst loss in franchise history, 22-1 to the Phillies on Monday.

Ryan Howard and Jayson Werth hit consecutive homers in the second for the NL East-leading Phillies, who had won four straight.

David Weathers (1-1) tossed a scoreless eighth and All-Star closer Francisco Cordero finished for his 21st save in 22 chances.

Joey Votto doubled leading off the ninth against Lidge (0-4). After Phillips sacrificed, pinch-hitter Laynce Nix was intentionally walked and

Hernandez followed with a soft liner to center to drive in Votto.

## Giants 3, Marlins 0

At San Francisco, Barry Zito pitched into the ninth and Juan Uribe hit a two-run homer as San Francisco Giants won their fourth straight at home.

Zito was close to his 11th career complete game and second this season, when he was pulled for Sergio Romo after Wes Helms' one-out single.

Zito (5-8), who entered his 17th start with the lowest run support in the majors at 2.80, outpitched All-Star Josh Johnson (7-2). He allowed four hits, struck out six and walked one in only his second outing of the year reaching eight innings.

Romo recorded the final two outs in the Giants' majors-best 12th shutout and fifth in the last 10 games for his first career save. San Francisco won for the seventh time in 10 games.

## Diamondbacks 4, Padres 3

At Phoenix, Doug Davis got his first victory in a month as Arizona matched its season-best four-game winning streak.

Davis, who had allowed just two earned runs in his previous three starts but left each with a no-decision, scattered nine hits, allowing two runs in 6 1-3 innings.

Kevin Kouzmanoff was 3 for 4 with two doubles for the

Padres, who have lost six of seven.

Kevin Correia (5-7) allowed four runs, three earned, and six hits in six innings.

At Denver, Clint Barmes capped Colorado's eighth-inning rally with a sacrifice fly.

It was the Rockies' fifth straight victory against the Nationals, who committed three errors in the game.

The Rockies scored the winning run without the benefit of a hit. Julian Tavarez (3-7) issued consecutive one-out walks. Joe Beimel relieved and induced a comebacker from pinch-hitter Ryan Spilborghs but he threw wildly to second going for the force.

Barmes followed with the tie-breaking sacrifice fly.

Washington had gone ahead 4-1 in the third on a three-run homer by Ryan Zimmerman, the Nationals' only All-Star representative.

At New York, Manny Ramirez drove in three runs with two singles for Los Angeles, then was ejected following his second called strikeout.

Clayton Kershaw (6-5)

combined with three relievers on a four-hitter, pinch-hitter Blake DeWitt hit a seventh-inning homer and Los Angeles twice scored with bases-loaded walks.

New York has lost nine of 11 and gone scoreless in 22 consecutive innings, getting just 10 hits — all singles. Mets pitchers walked seven against the Dodgers, and New York batters twice grounded into double plays.

While losing four straight, which includes a weekend sweep in Philadelphia, the Mets have hit .183, been outscored 21-3 and struck out 28 times.

Ramirez, in his fourth game back following a 50-game drug suspension, argued with plate umpire John Hirschbeck after he was called out in the first.

**In other NL action it was; Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 3; L.A. Dodgers 8, N.Y. Mets 0; Atlanta 2, Chicago Cubs 1; Pittsburgh 6, Houston 3; St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 0; Colorado 5, Washington 4; Arizona 4, San Diego 3; and San Francisco 3, Florida 0.** □

## MLB

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Fahey said MLB's drug rules, adopted last year, didn't go as far as recommendations made in late 2007 by former senator George Mitchell, a Boston Red Sox director hired by commissioner Bud Selig to report on performance-enhancing drugs in MLB.

"Unfortunately, while a number of incremental improvements were introduced in the MLB anti-doping program following the release of the Mitchell Report in 2007, these elements fall far short of the universally accepted standards of the world anti-doping code," Fahey said. "If they have nothing to hide, why don't the MLB and the MLBPA join the rest of the world under the umbrella of the code?"

Selig and union head Donald Fehr have repeatedly said they are satisfied with the league's drug rules.

"It is absurd to suggest that 'recently published books' — which allege steroid use that occurred years ago — have any relevance to our current program," Manfred said. "As demonstrated by recent events, when a player tests positive, the penalty is public and severe."

Manfred said MLB's rules are appropriate for a unionized professional sport.

"A first-time offender misses 50 competitive events. Even with a two-year ban, no Olympic athlete misses that many competitive events," he said. "There is a reason why no major professional sport operates under the umbrella of the World Anti-Doping Agency. This reason is that officials like Mr. Fahey fail to appreciate that professional sports operate in a very different legal and competitive environment than do Olympic sports." □

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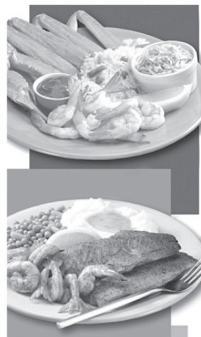
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Minnesota Lynx's Candice Wiggins (11) drives to the basket against Washington Mystics' Matee Ajavon (22) during a WNBA basketball game in Minneapolis on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. The Lynx won 96-94 in overtime.

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## WNBA Roundup

# Cash chips in 18 points for Storm's victory

The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Swin Cash had 18 points and 12 rebounds and Sue Bird added 17 points in the Seattle Storm's 66-53 victory over the San Antonio Silver Stars on Tuesday.

Bird helped the Storm grab a 53-44 lead early in the fourth quarter, but Becky Hammon made four straight free throws to cut the Silver Stars' deficit to five.

Cash scored the next four points to push the lead back to nine. With 3:20 left, Bird connected on an off-balance, right-handed desperation shot from the right wing as the shot clock expired to give the Storm an 11-point advantage, their first double-digit lead of the game.

Hammon topped the Silver Stars with 13 points.

At Atlanta, Chamique Holdsclaw scored 19 points and Erica DeSouza had a double-double to help the Dream hold off Connecticut.

DeSouza finished with 12 points and 17 rebounds for the Dream, who won the season series against the Sun 2-1. Iziane Castro Marques and Sancho Lyttle had 14 points apiece.

Asjha Jones and Tan White each led Connecticut (5-5) with 14 points.

The Dream (6-7) went into halftime with a 19-point lead, sparked by a 12-3 run to close out the second quarter.

At Minneapolis, rookie Renee Montgomery scored 16 of her season-high 21 points in the final two-minutes of regulation and overtime. Montgomery, the No. 4 overall pick in April's draft, scored six of her points in the extra period to lead the Lynx (8-4) to their fourth win in five games.

With 1.1 seconds remaining and Minnesota leading 95-92, Washington's Lindsey Harding was fouled on a 3-point attempt. Harding hit the first two free throws, but had her third attempt rim out. Harding, traded from Minnesota to the Mystics in the offseason, had 27 points, but also missed an open jumper at the end of regulation. Amanda Beard, the league's No. 4 scorer, added 14 points for Washington (5-5), but fouled out with 14.8 seconds remaining in regulation.

In other WNBA games it was, Seattle 66, San Antonio 53; Atlanta 72, Connecticut 67; Minnesota 96, Washington 94, OT; and Sacramento 83, Chicago 73. □

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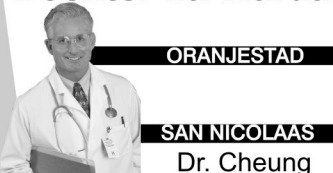
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# Miles marchan contra García: paro parcial en Perú

LIMA (Reuters) - Miles de trabajadores marcharon el miércoles en Perú en demanda de un cambio de la política económica pro mercado del presidente Alan García, un día después de que el Gobierno anunciara un cambio en el gabinete de ministros presionado por los conflictos sociales.

La protesta sirvió para que el líder opositor, el nacionalista y militar retirado Ollanta Humala ofreciera un discurso en un mitín en el que prácticamente se autoproclamó como candidato presidencial para las elecciones del 2011.

García encaró su mayor protesta en junio con 34 policías y nativos amazónicos muertos, conflicto que superó parcialmente con la derogatoria de dos leyes que los indígenas consideraban afectaban a sus territorios ricos en recursos naturales.

A la marcha, organizada por la mayor central de sindicatos de trabajadores de Perú (la CGTP), se sumó el paro de maestros y transportistas que fue acatado de forma parcial en la mayoría de regiones, aunque en el sur se sintió con mayor fuerza.

También pararon algunas organizaciones de indígenas que habían comenzado el martes una protesta de tres días con bloqueos en el interior del país.

El paro de transportistas continuará hasta el jueves.

Las manifestaciones son parte de una ola de protestas contra el Gobierno, que según la Defensoría del Pueblo, sumaron 226 “conflictos sociales activos” hasta fines de junio.

“Decimos que no basta un cambio de gabinete, decimos que necesitamos un cambio de régimen, un nuevo modelo económico, una nueva democracia más participativa”, afirmó un enérgico Humala ante cientos de seguidores en la Plaza 2 de Mayo de Lima.

“Por eso, a partir de 2011, de la mano con todos los movimientos sociales, de la mano con las fuerzas de izquierda, de la mano con los pueblos amazónicos, con los pueblos originarios, llegaremos al poder”, dijo el líder izquierdista.

El presidente García ha anunciado que realizará el fin de semana un cambio en su gabinete y según analistas



Un vehículo militar patrulla una calle en el barrio de Huaycán, Lima, 8 jul 2009. REUTERS/Mariana Bazo

mantendría al ministro de Economía y Finanzas, Luis Carranza.

García, quien en su primer Gobierno entre 1985 y 1990 intentó estatizar la banca, se ha convertido en un gran promotor de la inversión privada y se ha enfrascado en forjar para el país la firma de pactos de libre mercado.

Perú registró el año pasado un crecimiento de 9,8 por ciento, una de las más altas del mundo,

pero para el 2009 ha revisado su meta a 3 por ciento por la crisis mundial.

En Lima se registraron algunos bloqueos de carreteras que dificultaron el transporte de pocos vehículos que salieron a trabajar, lo que retrasó la asistencia a centros laborales. Los bloqueos fueron despejados por la policía con bombas lacrimógenas y se reportaron unos 30 detenidos, algunos de los que portaban piedras

y clavos para obstaculizar el transporte. La policía y fuerzas militares resguardaron plazas, vías principales, puentes, estaciones de buses y algunos aeropuertos del país.

En todo el país se detuvieron a 127 personas.

Las protestas han golpeado a García, cuya popularidad cayó en junio a 21 por ciento desde 30 por ciento, a poco días de cumplir tres años de gestión de un mandato de cinco años □

## Alcalde opositor levanta huelga hambre contra Gobierno Venezuela

CARACAS (Reuters) - El opositor alcalde del distrito metropolitano de Caracas, Antonio Ledezma, levantó el miércoles una huelga de hambre que mantuvo por cinco días, al considerar que había conseguido las reivindicaciones que solicitaba frente al Gobierno del presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez.

Ledezma, y varios funcionarios que se habían sumado a su huelga dejaron la sede de la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA) en Caracas -donde se realizó la protesta- en ambulancia con deteriorado estado de salud, según su esposa.

El funcionario pedía a la OEA examinar el estado de la democracia en el país porque el Poder Ejecutivo ha quitado competencias a las alcaldías y gobernaciones que quedaron en manos de la oposición en las elecciones de noviembre, e incluso que no le ha transferido el dinero para pagar sueldos.

“Hasta este momento no habíamos sido escuchados (...) no se habían escuchado delegaciones que habían ido en anteriores oportunidades”, dijo la esposa del funcionario, Mitzi de Ledezma, asegurando que el secretario general de la OEA, José Miguel Insulza, accedió a recibir próximamente una delegación de parlamentarios, alcaldes y gobernadores críticos de Chávez.

La oposición se quejó de que Chávez defendiera

al depuesto presidente de Honduras, Manuel Zelaya, mientras socava la autoridad regional en su país y de que la OEA lo escuche sin examinar su gestión. “Es un logro gigantesco y enorme en aras de nosotros tener el chance y la oportunidad frente a la Organización de Estados Americanos de ser escuchados en las necesidades que tenemos (...) de preservar lo que nos queda de democracia”, agregó.

La fragmentada oposición venezolana se unió para apoyar a Ledezma, que también logró que el Gobierno del Distrito Capital le transfiriera el equivalente a 111.800 dólares para pagar dos meses vencidos de nómina, mientras los “chavistas” lo acusaban de ser un vago y de comer clandestinamente.

Los partidarios de Ledezma aseguraron que los médicos le pedían al alcalde levantar la huelga temiendo que sufriera daños permanentes a su salud.

Mientras tanto, el Ministerio del Trabajo ordenó reintegrar a más de 2.000 trabajadores a la Alcaldía Metropolitana, con pago de salarios caídos desde enero, alegando despidos irregulares.

El Gobierno de Chávez ha quitado competencias de salud, educación y deportes al 20 por ciento de los cargos de elección regional que quedaron en manos de sus adversarios en elecciones en noviembre. □



El alcalde del distrito metropolitano de Caracas, Antonio Ledezma (al centro en la imagen), a su traslado a un hospital tras terminar con una huelga de hambre en Caracas, 8 jul 2009. REUTERS/Carlos Garcia Rawlins





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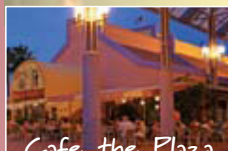
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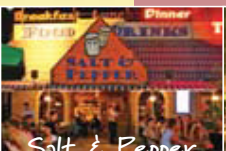
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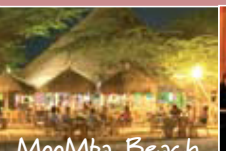
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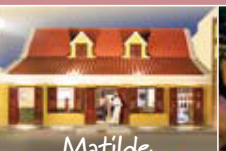
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